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RE: OPPOSITION TO PUBLISHED APPLICATION OF NIKOONAHAD ET AL.

TITLED "OPTICAL SYSTEM FOR MEASURING SAMPLES USING SHORT

WAVELENGTH RADIATION"; SERIAL NO.: 10/718,126; FILE DATE: NOV. 19, 2003; PUB. NO.: US2004/0150820.

Dear Sirs;

Enclosed please find copies of materials we feel should be considered by the Examiner during Prosecution of the identified case, and which have been provided to the Patent Office.

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Please find enclosed a Check for \$180.00 and Ten (10) Publications which we feel the Examiner should consider in the Examination.

ARTICLES:

"OPTICAL METROLOGY ROADMAP FOR THE SEMICONDUCTOR, OPTICAL AND DATA STORAGE INDUSTRIES", WOOLLAM ET AL., PROC. OF SPIE., VOL 4099, (JULY 2000).

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"FLUOROPOLYMERS FOR 157-NM LITHOGRAPHY: OPTICAL PROPERTIES FROM VUV ABSORBANCE AND ELLIPSOMETRY MEASUREMENTS", FRENCE ET AL., PROC. SPIE, VOL 4000, (JUL. 2000).

I attest that a copy of the accompanying materials was sent to Applicant's Attorney: Parsons Hsue and De LLP, at 655 Montogomery St., San Francisco, CA 94111 with First Class Postage affixed on October 1, 2004.

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